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WEATHER Temperatures last week averaged from three degrees below normal in the Panhandle and north central to five to eight degrees below normal elsewhere. Daytime maxima were generally below normal, except on Thursday when they averaged 10 to 16 degrees above normal over the State. Most reporting stations reached highs in the 70's on Thursday.

Most of the precipitation on the map represents that which fell sometime during the long holiday week end, October 21-23. No precipitation was reported during the middle of the week. Friday night and Saturday light rain mixed with light snow fell in the Panhandle, central and eastward along the Platte River Valley. Most of the snow soon melted since temperatures were generally in the high 30's and 40's. Sunday night snow moved into the Panhandle and had spread eastward as far as North Platte by mid-morning, Monday, October 30. Central Nebraska was having freezing rain and eastern Nebraska light rain on Monday morning. At 6 a.m. Monday, one to three inches of snow covered the ground in the Panhandle, and minima were from 17 to 20 degrees.

CROPS Harvest of fall crops remained the main farm activity during the past week. Harvest in the east was slowed by rain but good progress was made in the west. Statewide, the harvest progressed at a slower rate than normal last week and is far behind last year's early harvest.

Corn for grain harvest is 33% completed compared with 64% last year and 41% normal. Moisture content of the grain is averaging 22%, 1 point less than last week but 3 points above normal. The rain in the eastern portions of the State last week stopped harvest early in the week, but good progress was made in the western half. Corn borer damage to the 1972 corn crop has been light. The Extension Service Survey of European Corn Borer indicates the overwintering population is 83% lower than a year ago.

Grain sorghum is 57% harvested compared with last year's 90% and 61% normal. Some sorghum has started to lodge but is confined to local areas to date. Moisture of the grain is averaging 15%, the same as last year.

Soybeans are 75% harvested. Last year 90% were harvested on this date and 87% are normally harvested. Moisture averaging 12% is the same as last year. Sugar beet harvest is continuing at a rapid pace and is now 90% complete.

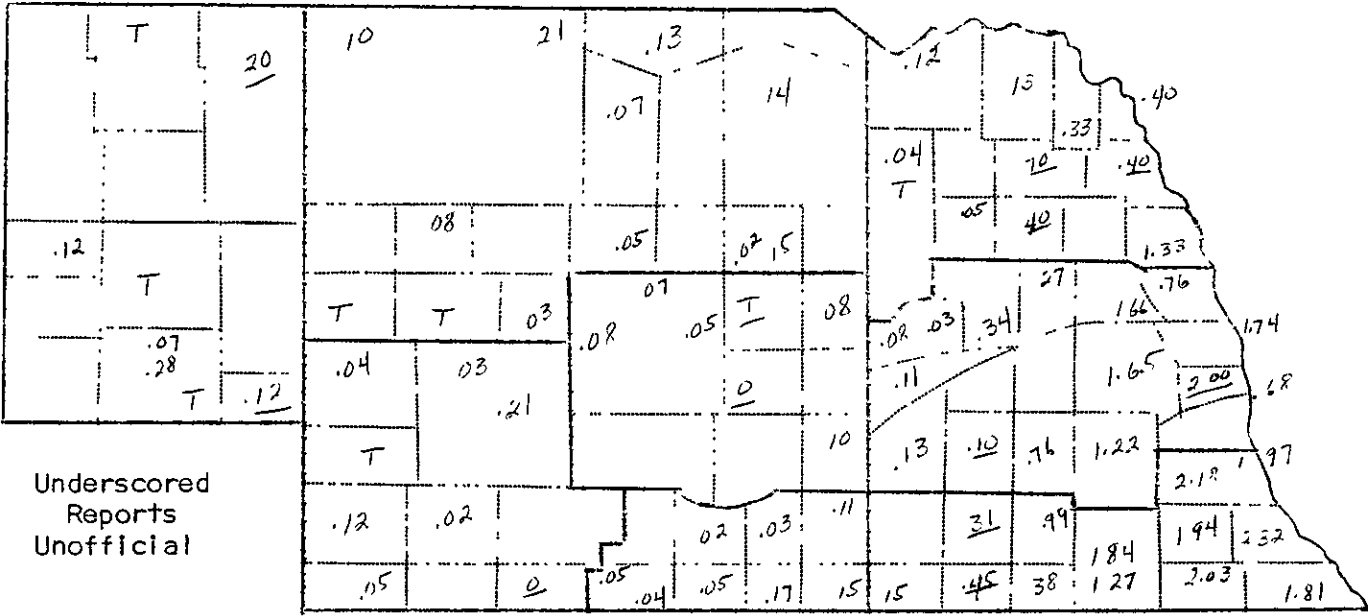
Winter wheat is in good to very good condition. Stands are even and should have adequate growth to provide cover for the winter. Greenbugs have been reported in some wheat fields with farmers in some local areas spraying for control. The freeze of October 18 was not enough to kill greenbugs, and control may be required in additional areas if cold weather is not received soon.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are in good condition.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 10/29/72

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.20	Burwell	.02	Chadron	.17
Lincoln	.03	North Platte	.21	Imperial	.12
Norfolk	.09	Valentine	.03	Scottsbluff	.41
Omaha	.09			Sidney	.25
Sioux City	.03				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1972



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		October		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	62	35	47	26	67	30	72	35	48	29	49	38	45	20		
	Scottsbluff	63	32	53	26	69	32	72	32	50	35	51	34	43	19		
	Sidney	58	27	56	21	68	28	72	35	48	29	40	30	39	17		
NC	Burwell	49	24	63	25	67	34	73	36	53	32	43	37	44	--		
	Valentine	53	28	51	28	66	35	76	39	46	29	41	39	44	24		
NE	Norfolk	46	22	57	31	65	45	74	45	53	35	43	37	46	43		
	Sioux City	50	24	50	32	66	44	72	47	55	38	45	34	54	46		
CEN	Grand Island	46	25	56	32	64	45	69	44	58	37	41	37	46	44		
EC	Lincoln	43	24	54	31	61	45	70	41	63	39	43	37	53	47		
	Omaha	43	25	51	34	69	45	71	44	61	37	42	32	51	44		
SW	Imperial	60	28	62	27	68	31	75	38	53	32	39	37	45	--		
	North Platte	54	22	62	21	66	27	74	32	53	32	39	38	42	27		

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